

Sunday 10am Bible Classes  
 11am Worship  
 6pm Devotional  
 Wed 7.00pm Bible Study - Morningside  
 7pm - West Auckland



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**Serving Today**

**Opening Prayer**

Gavin De Steur

**Bible Reading**

Denver Lehaul

**Song Leader**

Alan Neill

**Lord's Supper**

Justus Sandwell

**Closing Prayer**

Zhonny Tavita

**Sermon**

John Staiger

**Next Week**

**Opening Prayer**

Justus Sandwell

**Bible Reading**

Thomas Lehaul

**Song Leader**

Kevin Hogg

**Lord's Supper**

Paul Mansfield

**Closing Prayer**

Yushu Zabawski

**Sermon**

Geoff Fairest

**Communion Prep**

**Today**

Carol Kirkham

**Next week**

Anita Polglase

**Evening Clean up**

**Today**

Cany/Anita

**Next week**

De Steur's

**The Bible is Not "Just a Book"**

**Can we live without hope?**

The Bible, which speaks of good news, is a collection of writings that were written over a period of 1,500 years. Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible (starting with Genesis), and John wrote the last (Revelation) in AD 96. Throughout the Bible a unique thread of hope is interwoven - Jesus was the promised hope of the Old Testament, He came to earth and died for all, and is coming again on the last day to retrieve the faithful, as recorded in the New Testament.

The Bible is important to us as our source of hope - Jesus will be returning for "me" and "my" loved ones. The hope that we have in Christ as our Saviour, however, is not wishful thinking, nor an unrealistic expectation, a "pie in the sky" as some may say. Our hope is an anchor of the soul, secure and steadfast (Hebrews 6: 19-20).



Our hope is a feeling of confident expectation that will be realized when Jesus returns. It is an intangible that many people cannot understand; but for those who have hope, it is the major source of comfort, and those who hope place their trust in God.

There are two major reasons for having such a hope:

The first is in Jesus. He is our hope - He defeated Satan and death by His resurrection from the dead and is now preparing a place for us in heaven.

He is also our advocate, able to overcome any charge set before us by Satan, the accuser.

The second is the Bible. The Bible, God's Word or Divine Communication, is the story of man's fall from grace in the Garden of Eden, and his redemption through Jesus. The Bible is not just a book, to be compared to Shakespeare, Homer, Plato,

or others. There is no other book like it in continuity, circulation, translation, survival, teaching, or influence. It is the only book that is truly a universal manual for all people everywhere, any time, and in any culture.

The Bible can be believed today - not in part, but the whole.

**Tonight:** Joint Fellowship here at Morningside 6pm. It is our turn to host Joint Fellowship tonight. Please bring along extra food to feed our guests from the South Auckland and Mt Roskill churches.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February:**

Mid-week Bible Studies resume at 7pm



## Morningside Camp 2020

**Speaker: Spencer Ross**

**Theme: "The Heart of Christianity."**

**Save the date – 13-15 March**

**2020** Enrolment forms are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall. **Please** see Alan Neill about payment.



**Meryl Howell:** My step-dad Robert Edlmann passed away peacefully on Monday in South Africa in his 92nd year. He was diagnosed with leukaemia early last year and slowly lost his strength. His greatest desire was to see his eldest grandson at Christmas to listen to his Master's Thesis presentation. He did, much to everyone's delight and had a wonderful month surrounded by many of the family. The end was mercifully pain free and quick. Please pray for my mother and the family that the peace that passes understanding fills their hearts. The funeral will be on Monday morning South African time.

**Diane Keim:** Spencer Ross's Mother in Law, Diane Keim, has a tumour behind her eye and will be receiving radiation therapy.

**Jean Vickery:** Jean who is recovering from a broken femur.

**Sue Beukes:** Please pray for Sue and the family as she undergoes chemotherapy and is struggling with all the side effects.

**Sandra Setters - Tricklebank:** Please continue to pray for Sandra and her family as she battles with cancer in the spine, breast, stomach and right eye.

**Julie Christopherson (Lynda's friend):** Julie is back home, but continues with chemotherapy. She says she still needs more energy. She says: "Please keep praying."



## FEBRUARY

16	Meryl Howell
21	Leah De Steur
22	Lulu Tenari
27	Shavaughn Hill-Khan
28	Gem Neill Jenna Maisey

**Brian Caitor (Matt's brother):** Please keep Brian and Matt Caitor in your prayers (Brian is Matt's brother).

**Ethan van Aswegen (in South Africa):** Ethan van Aswegen and his parents Lindzey and Natasha, as well as little brother Liam, need prayers to get through these difficult times.

**Betty Potgieter:** Felicity's Mom is very frail. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Duran van Niekerk (Francois' nephew):** Duran who was in a very bad motorbike accident, is in a coma. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Al and Donna Horne (Lynda's parents):** Lynda will be going to South Africa on the 4<sup>th</sup> Feb for 4 months to help her parents. Donna's hand operation can only take place once her inflammation count lowers. She is under the care of a Belgian specialist, who is doing lots of tests and a new treatment on her, after which the operation may take place on her hand. Al continues to recover from his skin graft.

## Sweet Sisters

There is an update on our devotional submissions - they will continue to be accepted until the end of February. Sheila says she's been enjoying our entries so keep on sending them in! She is also looking for a title for the first volume of the devotional book- any suggestions will be gratefully accepted.

Check out the Sisters Servants Soldiers website as it's very encouraging for our faith. Go to:

**[www.sisterservantssoldiers.com](http://www.sisterservantssoldiers.com)**  
to subscribe. (Rani Timoti)



**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Our new school year starts this morning. We have some new teachers, who are eager and willing to share the word of God with your children. Parents, please make sure your children arrive on time. Even 10 minutes late can mean that they have missed a portion of the Bible story.

### Teachers starting out the year 2020.

Ages 0-2 years - Lucia Hodgman

Ages 3-4 years - Celine Reid

Ages 5-7 years - Litza Mansfield

Ages 8-10 years - Maata Tavita

Ages 11-12 + Lu - Ossevoort

High School class+ - Geoff Hodgman

We have stand in teachers who will take the classes if our teachers know that they will be away.

If you would like to be a stand in teacher, please let Lynda Staiger know.

The Morningside Bulletin is now being produced by Colleen and Gavin De Steur. For this we are very grateful. Please send all news and events to them. They are available by: Email: [info@vintagerosecottage.co.za](mailto:info@vintagerosecottage.co.za)